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1. Japanese residents of Shihchiachuang (114-28, 38-02), T'aiyuan (112-35, 37-52), and Tat'ung (113-14, 40-06) are being transported by air in small groups daily to Peiping, en route to Japan. In Peiping they are being kept in the compound of the former Railway School, in the West City, excluded from outside communication.

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2. A repatriation ship for Japan will sail at the end of September, though the specific date is not yet fixed. On 14 September a group of Japanese in Tat'ung will leave for Tientsin. They will proceed directly to Tientsin by train and will there await the repatriation ship. The Peiping Municipal Police Office has declared to the Peiping Japanese Residents' Office that Japanese in Peiping who are going to be repatriated on this ship must hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Tientsin in a group as soon as the order is issued. OIWA Tokijiro, former member of the North China Development Company, has been put in charge of the group to be repatriated from Peiping. Repatriates must pay a fee of CNY 300,000 to the Peiping Municipal Police Office through the Japanese Residents' Office. It had been understood that Chinese organizations retaining Japanese would pay this fee, but they are not doing so.

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3. The approximate number of Japanese to be repatriated on the ship leaving at the end of September is as follows:

Peiping group	400
Tat'ung group	300
Shihchiachuang group	400
Tientsin group	100

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TOTAL

1200

reports that there were 333 Japanese in Peiping registered for repatriation).

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4. A group of 700 Japanese, soldiers and civilians, is being flown from T'aiyuan to Peiping. A special plane is making three trips daily between T'aiyuan and Peiping for this purpose and it is expected that the group will be completely transported to Peiping in five days.

The following item appeared in the 7 October edition of the Shanghai China Press: "748 Stranded Japs Airlifted To Peiping; By CAT.

Messages received yesterday from T'aiyuan, Shansi province, reported a swift movement of 748 Japanese from T'aiyuan to Peiping by CNRRA Air Transport. The Japanese, civilian technicians and their dependents, were stranded in Shansi province at the cessation of hostilities, and on account of the Chinese civil strife the only way of removing this burden on the Shansi government was by airlift. The messages, including a note of thanks from Governor YEN Hsi-shan [see paragraph 5 below], said that the movement was completed in a series of flights last week. Governor YEN said that the project had been a great assistance to Shansi and he conveyed his personal thanks to Major-General C. L. Chennault, president of C. A. T. From Peiping the Japanese will be transported overland to Tientsin where they will be sent to Japan by water."

Repatriation authorities in Peiping had received no advance notice of the sudden movement of this large number of Japanese from T'aiyuan. Since the capacity of the repatriation ship is only 1,200, if any sizeable number of the T'aiyuan group is included, a corresponding number of Japanese from the other groups will be unable to leave on the ship.

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5. Before the arrival of the current group of repatriates from T'aiyuan, there were approximately 2,000 Japanese left in T'aiyuan. They were working in YEN Hsi-shan's (YEN Hsi-shan) Shansi Development Company.
6. The repatriation ship is expected to leave T'angku [117-40, 39-01] at the beginning of October.
7. The Ministry of National Defense has ordered that every organization under that Ministry must pay the repatriation fee for each Japanese who has been employed [?] by that organization, and for members of his family. However, one Japanese employee of an office subordinate to the Ministry, having previously received permission to be repatriated, was later refused permission by his superior. It was only after he agreed to acknowledge receipt of the repatriation fee, which was never paid to him, that such permission was granted.

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8. Several Japanese retained by the Peiping Agricultural Research Station of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry have been ordered by the chief of the station to be repatriated on the first ship to Japan. They are all kept in their compound under strict surveillance and are not allowed to take out any of their personal belongings. Shizuo Kato [? KATO Shizuo], a well-known entomologist and specialist on the noxious insects of North China, has been ordered by the director to turn over all his study papers as well as his personal books to the director.

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